

THE BULLETIN

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF DECATUR COUNTY

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Greensburg, Indiana

OCCASION: 37th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Historical Society of Decatur County

PLACE: Greensburg Presbyterian Church

DATE: February 20, 199⁸ at 6 p.m.

DINNER: By the women of the church. Dinner is \$6. Please reserve by check sent to **K. E. Bailey**, 515 N. Gary Ct., Greensburg, IN. 47240. Reserv. deadline is Feb. 16. Nick Kinne will entertain us during dinner with classical music on his violin.

PROGRAM: Businessman and civic leader **P.E. MacAllister**, of MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc. will speak on "Lincoln in Indiana." A brief sampling of MacAllister's interests include: Armchair authority on Old Testament. His book "Tongue of the Nursling" reflects that interest. Along with Richard Petticrew, he created "The MacAllister-Petticrew Chair" of Old Testament Studies at Christian Theological Seminary. He created "A chair in Old Testament" at Carroll College. He is knowledgeable in Greek and Roman history and especially familiar with the Florentine Renaissance. His 1976 essays on the Bicentennial and his 1987 series on the Constitutional Convention have been published.

Among awards he has received are the "Benjamin Harrison Award," "Philanthropist of the Year," and "Spirit of Life."

He is past executive director of the international "Conference on Cities," 1971 campaign treasurer for Richard G. Lugar mayoral election, and 1975 campaign chairman for Wm. H. Hudnut for mayor.

An elder and trustee of the Northminster Presbyterian Church; past moderator of Synod of Indiana and Synod of Lincoln Trails.

Come to the annual meeting February 20 to hear P. E. MacAllister talk about the years Abraham Lincoln spent in Indiana.

We are grateful to **Joe Westhafer** for bringing Mr. Macallister to Greensburg for our annual meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Bryan White, St. Paul

Joey Tellas, Muncie

Lee Johnson, Mesa, AZ

Dr. Arthur and Karen Turner

Michael Tellas

Nancy N. Buchanan, Indianapolis

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Diana McQueen

Linda Fry

Joan Hamilton

Mr & Mrs. Robert Hoptry

DONATIONS MADE TO THE SOCIETY:

Mr & Mrs Robert Hoptry

MEMORIALS:

The Westhafer family in memory of their parents, Aldan and Dorothy Westhafer.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Ruth Cash

Announcements

A special thank you

to Delta Faucet Company for printing our Bulletin each quarter. Thank you Delta, thank you Larry Meyer and Tina Keith.

Important

SEE page 3 FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OUR DUES.

Jane says thanks

Jane Keith wants the membership to know how supportive the volunteers for the museum have been during this past year. Their cooperation, enthusiasm and readiness to help made her job rewarding. She sends special thanks to each one.

A special day trip!

See page 5 to find out about day trip planned for society members.

MUSEUM NEWS

by Diana Springmier

Again the museum has been delightfully busy. With October's changing weekly displays of elegant Victorian china, colorful Depression glass, hand painted violets on china and the glazed lusterware 280 visitors signed the guest register. Many returned to view the attractively arranged dining room table with complimentary flower designs and the three-cornered cupboard with pieces on loan from the following society members and friends who enthusiastically shared their family treasures: Van Batterton, Earl Shepard, Helen Hamilton, Sara Jean Bozeman, Ruth Cash, Ginny Garvey, Diana Springmier, Barbara Blare, Mary Stradley, Barbara Welch, Jere Sturges, Nancy Reynolds, Mary Narwold, Ginny Bruns, Nancy Cuskaden, Julie Narwold, Dorothy Hamilton, Heather Haunert and Reed Schuster. All of this was pulled together under the capable direction of Ginny Garvey and Helen Hamilton.

Guests came from the Greensburg area as well as Columbus, Batesville, Rushville, Ellitsville, Lewisville, Kokomo, Middletown, Brownsburg, New Castle and Indianapolis. Out of state visitors were from Lexington, KY, Washington, D.C., Santa Cruz, CA, Charlotte, NC, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and the Amazon, Brazil.

Christmas arrived early at the museum when three large boxes were delivered in mid-November from Joan Alyea Schlemmer who was closing her Erie, PA home and wished to donate beloved Alyea family heirlooms and antiques to the county museum for safekeeping. The toy room has on display a child's French tea set in the original early 1900s box, a child-size iron wood stove with cooking utensils, two irons with trivets, a child's electric iron and a small sewing machine. Members, you might want to share your family stories as you bring your children and grandchildren to view these toys of yesteryear.

There is cranberry and clear glassware belonging to Howard and his sister Stella engraved with 1898 on one of the pieces, a 1912 vase from the Greensburg Street Fair, a 1912 tumbler from Howard Alyea to his grandmother, a 1898 cup and a cranberry glass toothpick holder in a metal filigree case.

On the second floor bedroom is Joan's Aunt Stella's three piece dresser set, two tall cruets with lids and one jar with a lid. The museum committee was as delighted and excited as any child opening his Christmas box on Christmas morning as they uncovered each of these carefully wrapped individual packages Joan had sent "home" to Decatur County.

Another surprise Christmas gift came from Martha and Dale Davis who presented the museum with an eighty-five piece Christmas village of houses over eighty years old which had belonged to Verna McGee who worked at McGee's Dry Goods Store.

All of these Christmas acquisitions were on display during the holiday season which was highlighted with the annual Christmas open house, a festive occasion due to many hours in planning and decorating in an authentic Williamsburg theme by Ginny Garvey and Ruth Cash. Karen Fenley directed Ginny's committee of Nancy Reynolds and Jere Sturges in making the outdoor wreaths and garlands over the windows, and Barbara Blare, Jere and Nancy helped Ginny and Ruth decorate the interior. Merrillyn Gronau donated an old-fashioned fir tree which Roger Cash cut down and lugged into the north parlor with Ruth's assistance. Russell Wilhoit was responsible for the fir standing upright as well as seeing that the garlands adorned the facade of the museum. Barbara's nativity collection as well as the ornaments in the museum's collection and the addition of the Alyea toys under the tree added to the ambiance of the Victorian museum. The 1915 85 piece Christmas village brought back memories for many visitors.

This unforgettable Williamsburg Christmas could not have been possible without the volunteers who gave of their time during the open house itself: Mark Keillor playing Christmas

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carols on the piano, followed by Bob Rooker on his trumpet and also singing carols, accompanied by Lois Badgley, and Nick Kinne playing his violin, provided an ideal background for those sampling Gladys Pike's bread pudding with warm butter sauce and the Christmas cookies and bars baked by Carol Bonnett, Joleen Connor, Doris Maudlin, Marcella McDermit and Phyllis Doerflinger. Charity Mitchell worked all afternoon bring. dishes and taking away the used.

Without being too repetitive about our giving volunteers who have been present so the doors could be open on weekends, I must share a story about three ladies who performed above the call of duty on a warm fall Saturday when would-be visitors were outdoors and not in the museum. These three volunteers, with only one visitor all afternoon, decided to waste little time and following the lead of Kathryn Bailey who pulled the vacuum out of the storage closet, Helen Hamilton and Ruth Cash then dusted the parlors. This is volunteerism at its best, and this museum seems to bring out the Best in those who tend to its needs. This unexpected help was also appreciated by the regular dusting crew of Joyce Springmier, Sharon Wickens and myself.

The south parlor has a perfect spot for a fern stand if anyone could locate this New Year's wish. If so, call Ginny at 663-2132.

January through March the museum will be open only by appointment. Call 663-2997, 663-2132 or 663-6451 if you wish to visit.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PONDER OBLIGATION — RAISE DUES

The board of directors of the society have looked into the future and found it essential to our well-being as an organization to increase the dues. Dues have been changed to: **Single member – \$10. Couple – \$15. The life membership has been discontinued** although, needless to say, this decision does not affect those who have already become lifetime members. The board has added a **\$30 contributing membership.**

The latter has been added for those who want to give something extra to help support

the society. The dues haven't been raised for more than 10 years. Postage has gone up three times within the past two years. The special rate we receive for bulk mailing helps but is still a drain on the society's budget. The increase will assist in additional ways to improve and support the society for all of us.

Members of the board are aware that this decision may not be popular with some of our members but they are making an effort to meet their obligation of preserving the society for all of us and for the future of the organization.

D. Ned Linegar writes about a store on the square

We are delighted that D. Ned Linegar sent some of his memories of the grocery store his family once owned on the east side of the square. Ned was born in Decatur County and grew up here. This memoir was printed in the 1984 history of Decatur County but many members and new members haven't seen the book. Since he sent the memoir, I found an ad in the December 1899 *Greensburg Standard* the Linegar Bros., two years after it began in 1897 on the north side of the square. Ned lives in Estes Park, Colo. Congratulations to Ned and his wife, Margaret, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 26, 1998. He wrote, "We have had our Silver Anniversary, our Golden Anniversary, and since we are 84 years of age and in our 60th year of marriage, we wanted to have a Champagne Anniversary. Since the newly renovated Senior Center was now in operation, with beautiful accouterments, we wanted to inaugurate the use of the building for our anniversary celebration."

Ned and Margaret enjoy receiving The Bulletin. "So many of the names listed are familiar names." They enjoy reading the Museum News and wrote, "Keep up the good work. You have a great museum." Ned's memoir of the Linegar store follows, the 1899 ad is reprinted on page 6.

Ned expressed interest that there had been a wedding in the museum. "A fine spot for a wedding. It is my privilege to preside at weddings in locations in Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. I have yet to do one in our local museum Amphitheater." Perhaps Ned will write for The Bulletin again and relate additional memories of his hometown.

A Linegar Legend

Linegar's Grocery, for nearly half a century, from 1906 to 1949, served their customers from their location on the east side of the courthouse square in Greensburg, Ind. Operated by the two Linegar brothers, Oscar (Mose) and Daniel Clinton (Dan) Linegar, the store was a full-service grocery.

In the days before the advent of the large chain groceries, the Linegar brothers had a call-in service, charge accounts and a delivery service.

Customers could call in their orders, taken over the telephone by one of the competent clerks, the orders were quickly filled, and placed on the floor in the delivery section for early delivery. Customers were billed once a month.

Located in the Johnson Building, which Oscar Linegar acquired from the Johnson estate in 1906, the store was a long one, with shelves and bins on each side, and counters with tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, candies and fruits displayed. The shelves were lined with all kinds of pre-packaged foods, the bins contained sugar, salt, flour and other items to be packaged or sacked and weighted.

Bananas hung from a hook over one of the counters on a stalk. Potatoes were in a bin at the back. Later, refrigerators were installed for butter, eggs, meats, milk and other perishables. As farmers brought to town eggs, they were candled and stored in boxes. Potatoes were weighed and stored. A meat counter dominated the rear of the store, where meat was freshly cut, weighed and packaged. The business section included a desk, counter, safe, telephones, and charge files. Cash reg-

isters were at the business section and in the front of the store.

The store was always open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Farm families, on Saturday, would come early in the morning, park their rigs on the square, leave their eggs, potatoes and other vegetables at the store, give their orders and then spend the day sitting in their buggies or cars, watching the passing parade, visiting stores on the square, sitting around the pot-bellied stove in the Linegar's store, and recounting tales and stories to one another.

Mose and Dan Linegar were outstanding businessmen of the town, supporting the organizations and the politics of the community. Mose was a member of the Methodist Church, a founding member of Rotary, active in the Chamber of Commerce. Dan was a member of the Christian Church, supporter of the YMCA, active in welfare circles. Any good cause could receive a contribution from the Linegar brothers.

Linegar's Grocery was a family affair, with Mrs. Oscar Linegar (Leah) and later, their daughter, Martha, still a resident of Greensburg, helping with the business and operational ends of the business. Mrs. Dan Linegar (Lillian) was a clerk in the store, when she married Dan, and their son, Ned, helped in the business. Ned is now retired from the YMCA and the American Association of Retired Persons and living in Estes Park, Colo. Several other clerks also assisted in the operation of the store. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Linegar and their daughter Martha lived in an apartment above the store for some six or seven years. Herbert Frances and William Aultman were the men who provided the delivery service for the Linegars.

The Linegar brothers, Mose and Dan, had much experience in the grocery trade. They had worked for the Johnston Wholesale Co. prior to establishing their own business, and they are reputed to have operated huckster wagons in the rural areas for the Johnston Company.

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These wagons provided real service to the farmers and their wives.

Mose and Dan Linegar, two of eight children of Daniel B. Linegar, a physician living near Brookville, Ind. who served in the Civil War, came to Greensburg at the turn of the 20th century.

Mose Linegar died Oct. 4, 1938. Dan died Sept. 10, 1949. In 1949 the business was sold to Wilbur McKinly and Mary Douglas. In April 1953, Mrs. Oscar Linegar and Martha sold the building to Oscar Horne.

Serving the friends and neighbors in Greensburg for half a century, through two world wars and the Great Depression, the Linegar brothers established an enviable service record in the town of Greensburg.

by Ned Linegar

1998 ORNAMENT A SUCCESS, SUGGESTION FOR FUTURE ORNAMENTS

Congratulations to **Tony Owens** and the committee in charge of the 1998 ornaments for job well done. A suggestion that next year's committee members may find helpful was made by longtime member and former board of director **Bob Conwell** who wrote, "A suggestion on future Christmas ornaments: There are nine townships and there could be a contest or vote from each township for nine of the ten in a program. One should be the present Decatur County Courthouse. That could be the first, with the townships following. Perhaps this could be promoted by the Daily News, WTRE and through the historical society."

Thanks Bob, a good suggestion from a good member.

DAY TRIP PLANNED TO WEST BADEN HOTEL ON MAY 15, 1999

Members will have the opportunity to take a trip to the West Baden in French Lick, Indiana on May 15, 1999. The cost will be \$30 per person based on 30 people. The following is the tentative itinerary: 8 a.m. leave Greensburg from Tower Tree Travel & Tours on a comfortable bus; 10:30 a.m. arrive in French Lick; 11 a.m. tour the West Baden Hotel; 12:30 p.m. lunch at the Beechwood Inn, (lunch on own from selected menu); 2:30 p.m. depart for Greensburg; 5:30 arrive in Greensburg. Please reserve by name and let Barbara Shields of TTT know by **Jan. 30, 1999**. Money must be sent to Tower Tree Travel & Tours, 104 East 10th Street, PO Box 608, Greensburg, IN 47240 by April 30.

After January 30 reservations will open up to the public so if you are interested you must reply by Jan. 30.

According to "*Indiana: A New Historical Guide*," (pg. 340) The West Baden Hotel is often referred to as the "Eighth Wonder of the World." It features the world's third largest unsupported dome (largest are New Orleans' and Houston's sports domes.)

Recipes from 1876

Bread and Butter Pudding

Cut about a pound of good light bread into thin slices; spread them with butter as for eating; lay them in a pudding dish; strew seeded raisins between each layer of bread. Beat six eggs, with three or four large spoons of sugar, mix them with three pints of sweet milk and a grated nutmeg; turn this over the bread, let it remain until half the milk is absorbed by the bread then bake. No sauce will be required. Will make a large pudding.

Indian Meal Pudding

One pint of Indian meal cooked, one quart of milk, half a cup of butter, one pint of molasses, four eggs, with a little cinnamon or nutmeg; boil the milk, stir the meal in gradually, mix all together and let it stand two hours; add the eggs when the pudding is ready to put in the oven; let it bake two hours. (No oven temperature was included in either recipe.)



OUR MUSEUM CURATOR

Russell Wilhoit is our museum curator. Many of the members have gotten to know him during that time but in case you haven't had the opportunity, here is some background.

Russell was born in Greensburg on Nov. 28, 1948. He is the father of one son, Aaron. He has worked at Cummins Engine in Columbus for 30 years. His wife, Nancy, has worked at Cummins for 33 years. Both retired on February 1, 1999.

Russell's parents were Burnie and Dorothy Wilhoit. His great grandfather, Richard Wilhoit, came to Decatur County from Kentucky around 1856. Richard married Nancy Oakley who was born in Decatur County in 1831, the daughter of John P. Oakley, a veteran of the War of 1812, who settled in Decatur County in 1829. Richard died in 1875 at the age of 45.

Russell and Nancy have been married for nearly three years. Nancy also has a long history of family being in this county. Her father came here in the late 1820s. Her 4th great grandfather, Abraham Ricketts, was one of the original landowners in Decatur County.

Russell's main interest is history. "That's why I enjoy helping at the museum so much," he said. "I would like someday to be able to tell people about the history of Decatur County and about the people from the early days. I enjoy telling about the people who lived in early Greensburg and the county, and tell about things that went on in those early days."

Another subject of great interest to Russell is genealogy. He has been involved in this subject for more than 20 years and is a member of the Tri County Genealogy group.

When he isn't involved in history or genealogy, Russell plays slow pitch softball three times a week all summer. He started playing softball more than 30 years ago. He plays mostly in Columbus, Shelbyville and a little in Indianapolis. He plays on three teams and now plays in a "senior league" with players who, for the most part, are 50 and over although some are in their 60s and 70s. "I usually play third base and pitch when they need someone to help out," he said.

Each spring, about 15 of the players go to Florida and play exhibition games every day, at least two each day for a week. They play against different teams in the St. Petersburg area. "It is a lot of fun," he said, "and helps us get in shape for the upcoming season up here. We are just a bunch of ballplayers who refuse to give up our youth and it helps us to stay fit."

Another hobby is collecting postcards that are related to Decatur County. He has nearly 250 postcards of scenes in the county. "People are surprised at how many cards there are," he said. The hardest card to find, according to Russell, was a picture of the old fire station downtown. "The rarest card is a picture of the old tobacco barns on N. Broadway. The neatest of the cards is a picture of the interurban train car that went down Main Street."

"The first two years have been a great experience," said Russell, "working at the museum I have met a lot of nice people and better yet, have been able to teach some history of the county to the visitors."

TWO YEARS OLD

Saturday, Dec. 9, '99.

An appropriate souvenir will be given each visitor at our store on that day and you will be entertained with good music. Come one, Come all! Everybody Welcomed.

Greensburg Cash Grocery Co.,

Linegar Bros., Proprietors

Warthin Block

North Side Square

County commissioners authorized construction of a county hospital after the issue carried by 590 votes in a referendum.

- One of two bloodhounds purchased by G'brg to aid in tracking criminals died after giving birth to 8 puppies.
- The Guthrie children staged their first parade from the home on North Franklin to the public square. John Hubert impersonated Uncle Sam, Catherine was the Goddess of Liberty and Guy Richard rode in a miniature wagon with a huge firecracker.
- Approximately 2,500 persons spent July 4 at Lake McCoy.
- December 1919. The ladies of the Baptist church gave a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Frank Christman.
- St. Paul High School defeated Letts 25 to 7 in a basketball game at Letts.
- *John F. Goddard, Ira E. Wonn and E. J. Hancock attended the Methodist conference at Indianapolis.

"Tell Me a Story" 1999 Annual Photography Contest

The Indiana Historical Society's annual photography contest is designed to encourage students, amateur and professional photographers to document some aspect of life in Indiana that is or will be of historical interest. The theme for 1998 is "Tell Me a Story."

Photos should convey a strong pictorial narrative and tell a story about Hoosier life and/or history. A brief explanatory text, 100 words or fewer, must accompany the photograph. Entries will be judged on the strength of their pictorial narrative and storytelling appeal, photographic composition

and technical quality.

There are three categories: student (black-and-white and color), amateur (black-and-white and color), and professional (black-and-white and color). Photo work must have been completed within the past three years. Winning photos from previous IHS contests are not eligible.

Photos submitted must be 8 x 10 inches in size and should not be mounted. The required model releases must be included in entries where there are recognizable people in the picture. You can write to IHS, 315 West Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-3299 or call (317) 233-2418, or fax (317) 233-3109, or e-mail escroggins@statelib.lib.in.us. The deadline for submitting photos is March 1, 1999.

Greensburg Star Bleachery
Remodeling of ladies and gents straw and felt hats. For bleaching or coloring black, brown & drab. Merchants & Milliners. Mrs. Bryan's stand, N side sq (1875)



Deadline

March 5, 1999-----
June 5, 1999-----
September 5, 1999
December 5, 1999-



Mailed

April 15, 1999
July 15, 1999
October 15, 1999
January 15, 2000

Remember these dates when you feel generous enough to send material to be included in The Bulletin. The editor and members welcome your contributions

If your dues are due please use this form to send them to the address below.

Historical Society of Decatur County, Inc.

P.O. Box 163 Greensburg, IN 47240

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The Spring Tour to the West Baden in French Lick, Ind., as reported in the last Bulletin, will be May 15.

Annual Meeting

The 37th annual meeting and dinner of the Historical Society of Decatur County was held Saturday evening at the First Presbyterian Church. Officers were elected and appointments were made as shown on the back page of this Bulletin.

The president appointed **Ruth Dorrel** as county historian. Ruth, (Mrs. Warren) Dorrel of St. Paul is editor of "*The Hoosier Genealogist*" a publication of the Indiana Historical Society.

Helen Hamilton is the new museum volunteer chairman, taking **Jane Keith's** place.

Van Batterton is willing to assist the society in any way but preferred not to "have the responsibility of having to show up for every meeting" of the board.

Indianapolis businessman and civic leader **P.E. MacAllister** of MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc. spoke on "Lessons of History."

The speaker was introduced by **Joe Westhafer** as "a friend of business, a friend of his community, a friend of the arts, a friend of his church, a friend of history and a friend of mine."

MacAllister explained the value of patient, rational, and comprehensive research, preferably research about what's significant and the ability to tell the difference between what is and what is not important. "Unfortunately there are people who have no idea of what is important and that is why we have a lot of people running around chasing all kinds of trivia that isn't important and never will be."

See **pg 3** for **Bob Mitchell's** story about the St Paul Tire and Rubber Co.

See **pg 5** for the true story of Lum Fiscus

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr & Mrs Wm. Barclay, New Palestine
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Jean A. Snedeker

Announcements

See **Page 6** for important board meeting announcement

SAVE THE DATE: VICTORIAN GALA!

Give-Un-Take Garden Club announces a Victorian Holly Day Flower Show and Sale at the Decatur County Historical Museum November 12 and 13 with a gala candlelight opening November 12, including a Victorian supper at the Presbyterian Church. Proceeds will go to maintain the Decatur County Library Perennial Garden. Save November 12 and 13. As arrangements are completed, watch for more information in the next Bulletin. Victorian dress is optional.

In recognition of **Memorial Day** there is a list on pg 6 of veterans buried at South Park Cemetery taken from the **May 8, 1886 Greensburg Review** by **Russell Wilhoit**

Have you paid your **1999 dues**? If not, send to: Historical Society of Decatur County, Inc., P.O. Box 163, Greensburg, IN 47240. See **page 6** for form and amount.

by **Historical Society of Decatur County President Diana Springmier**

The museum reopened for the season the week-end of April 10 with a tisket a tasket, for a history of baskets will be woven at the museum through the middle of May. May baskets, Easter baskets, egg baskets, picnic baskets, sewing baskets, fishing baskets, brides' baskets and bread baskets are on display. Everything from wicker to wire, from wood to tin, from crystal to cloth is featured. Decatur County basketmakers are also featured.

The Memorial exhibit in the two upstairs rooms in late May will feature a Civil War re-enactor (**Nancy Wilhoit's** nephew from Columbus) describing a soldier's life during the 1860s. A field tent will be set up on the front lawn.

Also in May all Greensburg, St. Mary's and Decatur County fourth graders will be invited to visit the museum.

Lemonade will be served on the museum lawn from our original orange crate lemonade stand after the July 4th Parade.

A recent gift to the museum is *"Indiana Coverlet Weavers and Their Coverlets"* by Pauline Woodward Montgomery. This is available to peruse in the coverlet bedroom. **Ruth Cash** purchased this book for the museum.

If you have a wedding dress you are willing to loan for a future display, please contact **Ginny Garvey**, display co-chair, at 663-2132.

A welcome addition to the museum committee is **Helen Hamilton**, chair person of volunteers. She will make arrangements for the week-end openings so volunteer committee members will be receiving calls to help keep the doors open.

Jane Keith retired from the volunteer responsibilities and we appreciate her help in starting the program and making arrangements for the first year's schedule.

Notes from museum curator

Russell Wilhoit

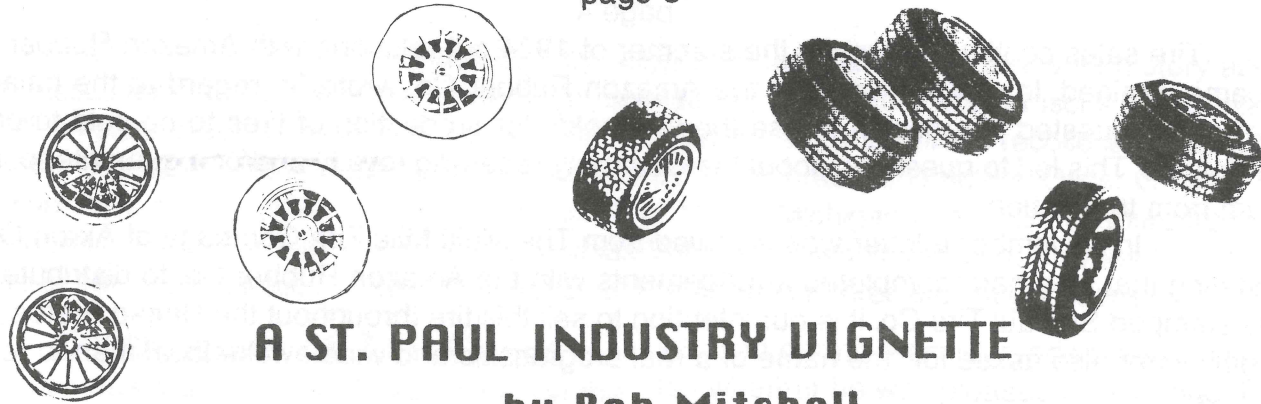
At the museum this year we have some new and some old displays. In April we have old baskets displayed with **Ginny Garvey** and **Ruth Cash in charge**. In May we have the Memorial Day display with lots of items related to the Civil War, Spanish American War, WW 1, WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War. These items are only on loan to us. If in the future you choose to donate items to the museum, we would be willing to store and keep them protected for our future displays.

The mid-summer display will be old sports equipment and uniforms that you or your parents or grandparents might have used from around the turn of the century up to the

1960's. Desired items such as old baseballs, basketballs, footballs, etc., old uniforms, roller skates, tennis items, ice skates, stick ball, old pictures of teams and players, old ball parks, old gyms from the earlier days. These too will be loaned to the museum and returned after a 4 to 5 week period unless you see fit to donate these items. We have few of these items at the present time.

I hope everyone gets a chance this year to stop by and visit our displays. A lot of hard work goes into these and visitors really enjoy them. We, of course, also have our regular displays. If you have ideas about a display you would like to see, please contact **Ginny Garvey**, **Ruth Cash**, or **myself**. We will be open Saturday and Sunday until the end of the year. Hope to see you all soon, **Russell**

The first museum of this historical society was in the K Of P building on N Broadway in Greensburg from 1977 until 1982. The present museum was opened in March 1982.



A ST. PAUL INDUSTRY VIGNETTE

by Bob Mitchell

The old farmer told his son, "Looking back don't plow corn." That old saying is true, but in this convoluted world "looking back" can be much more interesting, even if the vagaries of memory twist the facts.

In the case of the St. Paul Tire and Rubber Co. many of the "facts" are lost to the vicissitudes of memory but enough remain to tweak imagination.

One St. Paul businessman is quoted as looking at the clouds and saying "it's a wonder they don't try to sell some stock in that blue sky." This could well have been said when stock in the St. Paul Tire and Rubber Company was sold in the very early 1920's.

The sale of stock was successful and the name was recorded as "The St. Paul Tire & Rubber Co. A slate of officers was elected with W. F. Collins, Pres. C. R. Yater, Vice President, John T. Cuskaden, Treasurer and A. I. Bruner, Acting Secretary. The board of directors was composed of William Lindner, Chester Davis, Morris Doolan, Laban Meltzer, Harry Dilts, Dr. W. R. Turner, Elmer Palmerton, Jacob Wise, L. D. Hudgel, William Roedell, Henry Hoyer, Joseph Meltzer, C. R. Yater, Ralph Avery,, Arthur Bruner and John T. Cuskaden. All these names had the familiar ring of St. Paul. except that of the Pres. W. F. Collins.

A contract was negotiated with The Amazon Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, and the manufacture of tires in the popular sizes of the day was begun. Sizes included such numbers as 30x3reg, 30x31/2, 32x4HD 33x4 and 33x41/2Hd. and the prices ranged from \$7.40 to \$12.50 The tires were imprinted with the name "The St. Paul Tire and Rubber Co, St. Paul, Indiana."

Things went well for a time, and early sales justified the optimism of the stockholders. The statement of March 16th of 1924 showed an inventory of 128 tires "on hand" but an "Indebtness" of \$1839.30.

The quality of tires in these early stages of development was questionable at best, and the St. Paul Tire and Rubber Co. had it's share of "adjustments." There were many references to "loose treads," "cracked side walls," and "broken beads" and the records were full of names of customers who received credit or cash.

A stockholder's meeting was held on July 3, 1924 and Clyde Yater presided in the absence of the President Collins. The meeting was attended by seventeen stockholders and the main business was the motion to pay 8% interest on the preferred stock. This dividend, totaling \$200.91 was paid on July 11. Why Mr. Collins didn't attend that meeting is not mentioned, but in the statement of "Disbursements" for that month he had been paid \$825.66 for "tires and adjustments." That sum was the major expense.

The year 1924 was a pivotal year for the fledgling company and strange questions were beginning to surface about the President W. F. Collins. An undated telegram was sent to "The United States Patent Office, Washington D. C. - Advise, our expense, if a copyright or patent is held by W. F. Collins on an automobile tire tread as manufactured by our Company."

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Tire sales continued through the summer of 1924 but relations with Amazon Rubber Co. became strained. In Oct. of that year the Amazon Rubber Co. wrote "in regard to the balance due" and requested permission to use the tire molds for production of tires to be sold to other tire dealers. This led to questions about the Company receiving royalty and/or a guaranteed minimum from that action.

In November a letter was received from The Multi Mile Tire Company of Akron Ohio, stating that they had "completed arrangements with the Amazon Rubber Co. to distribute the tires stamped St. Paul Tire Co. It is our intention to sell this tire throughout the United States. The lengthy letter also asked for "the name of a real progressive and wide awake local man to represent us.

There was some question about the legitimacy of this transaction, as the letter was not addressed to the St. Paul Tire Co. but to the president of the National Bank of St. Paul. And it asked for the names of the stockholders of the Tire Co.

A letter was immediately sent to Amazon Tire Co. asking who this new company was and by what authority they considered selling the St. Paul brand named tire. The question was asked "would you be willing to pay as royalty for the use of the molds?" and "would you guarantee the minimum amount per year?"

This prompted an answer from the Amazon Rubber Co. saying that the Multi-Cord Co. had no authority to contact St. Paul and any contract with them would be contingent on the proper use of the tire molds and St. Paul trademark. The letter also stated that "we have not been using or selling any tires since Mr. Collins left our factory. We do, however, have quite a few tires on hand for over a year ...and, of course, naturally we are permitted to sell them ... We believe that we have carried your account much longer than we were obliged and taken good care of your mold equipment ... we cannot continue to carry your account indefinitely ..." The letter ends with "We are not able to tell you the whereabouts of Mr. Collins ... our last information was that he was in Texas."

A "special" meeting of the Stockholders of The St. Paul Tire and Rubber Co. was quickly called. The meeting was short and to the point. Mr Yater presided and "W. R. Turner made a motion that the Account with the Amazon Rubber Co. be closed, by giving them our equity in molds and new tires in their possession. The motion included the instructions that "the motion be carried out by Arthur I Bruner," The "ayes" carried the motion. Mr. Turner, then moved that Arthur I Bruner be instructed to "convert the balance of the assets of the St. Paul Tire and Rubber Co. into cash. Chas Rand seconded this motion and, again, the "ayes" prevailed. J. T. Cuskaden then moved that an "auditing committee of Ralph Avery, Chester Davis and Harry Dilts be appointed. Again the motion was carried. The minutes of this meeting concluded with "There being no further business, motion was made and seconded to meet at the call of Arthur I Bruner. Signed, Ralph W Avery, Sec. Pro.tem."

March 5, 1925

"A stockholders meeting is called to be held at the Dilts Hotel dining room March 8th at 7:30 p.m. We hope this to be the final stockholders meeting ... we want everyone who holds stock to know why the company has failed ... and who was the cause of the failure ... where the money went ... what has transpired ... the final winding up of company business ...settling everything in full..."

WHO WAS MR. COLLINS?

Historic Relics at St. Paul

IN 1952 AND 1953, TWO PROFESSORS AND A GROUP STUDENTS FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY SEARCHED FOR (AND FOUND) AMERICAN INDIAN ARTIFACTS NEAR ST. PAUL.

Member **Mrs. James S Scott** of Rush County, suggested that **Van Batterton** write a story about Lum Fiscus for The Bulletin. When asked, Van pointed out that a story about Fiscus was printed in a Bulletin several years ago and could be reprinted. Below is Oscar Miller's recollections about the Decatur County man who became one of our county's memorable characters. Oscar G. Miller was a lawyer here and in 1898, purchased the home at 166 N. Michigan Ave. in Greensburg from Will Winchester, the son of the Rev. J. W. and Melinda Winchester who hired Wm. Stevens to build the home in 1864 (completed in 1866). The editor of The Bulletin appreciates suggestions.

ECCENTRICITY OF LUM FISCUS

There was man who used to be seen on the streets of Greensburg who had a novel plan of advertising himself or his pet ideologies of how things in this world ought to be run. He answered to the name of Lum Fiscus. I never did know just where he lived, but I had the impression that he came from the neighborhood of Tarkeo or possibly near Gaynorsville, some miles south of Greensburg.

He would make his appearance with placards or small billets of paper pinned all over his breast and shoulders and for want of space, he sometimes would have some pinned on his back. On these cards or pieces of paper he wrote many things that he conceived to be bad for the people, giving ideas how they could be corrected. He was not a bad looking man, and wore moderately good clothes but he never would allow anyone to draw him into a discussion or argument. What he had written down in black and white was his belief and doctrine, and he evidently thought that was sufficient without any argument or debate.

He seemed to be quite a prognosticator of the events of government as well as of the weather and he had it all written down on his placards. Sometimes he would predict great calamities that would be visited on the people of this republic. He often complained about hard times, and would offer the remedy to make things better. When some people would approach him and begin to read his pronouncements on the placards, he would stand

still and permit them to reads but no one could tell whether he was pleased or offended. He did not seem to have any appreciation of the curiosity he was creating in the minds of the persons who took the trouble to read the oracles of wisdom as announced on the placards.

I do not think he ever heard tell of a joke, and I do not think he would have recognized a "sense of humor" if he saw it coming down the street. His face at no time ever showed any more emotion than the pyramids of Egypt. All the pronouncements of wisdom or foolishness that he had written out on these bits of paper and pinned onto the various parts of his anatomy were about as incomprehensible as a Chinese puzzle. Even Albert Einstein would have a great deal of trouble solving and bringing about a happy equation of the things written by our friend Lum Fiscus. Lum had no bad habits that I know of.

He was what might be called a dirt farmer, but he did not work at it extremely hard. His greatest accomplishment was writing on pieces of paper and pinning them onto his clothing to excite the curiosity of anyone who would pay attention to him. I am constrained to believe that many of us mortals have hobbies we like to adopt and ride for our peculiar amusement and pleasure. So if Lum Fiscus had the hobby of pinning placards onto his person, then let us cast the mantle of charity over this pleasurable weakness and call it only a hobby that he seemed to enjoy.

EDITOR'S SUGGESTION

July's Bulletin will include the **charter members** of the Historical Society of Decatur County. An account, written by charter members, of the society's beginning would be a welcome addition to the issue. Please send to Pat Smith, 122 W. Sheridan, Greensburg, IN 47240 to be received by June 5, 1999.

Bylaw Changes Proposed by Board of Directors

During the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors in March, revised bylaws for the Historical Society of Decatur County, Indiana, Inc. were presented and discussed. With a motion made and seconded, a vote was taken and passed to approve the presented bylaw changes. According to the current bylaws, amendments need to be provided to society members thirty (30) days prior to a meeting at which a vote of the membership will be taken to accept or decline the proposed amendments.

To summarize the proposed changes, the membership will continue to vote for officers and directors at the annual meetings; however, officer terms will be two years instead of one year, as is

currently the policy. In addition, officers will be considered members of the board of directors and will be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities afforded to directors. A board quorum, previously undefined, will be defined as seven (7) members in attendance. Also, committee chairs will be sought first from the board of directors, if possible.

The meeting to vote on the above-mentioned bylaw amendments will be held at **4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 1999** in the large meeting room of the Greensburg Community Library. **All members** are encouraged to attend this brief meeting. Any member wishing to obtain a complete copy of the proposed bylaw changes may contact **Jennifer McNealy**, director and publicity chair, at **663-2832**.

FALLEN HEROS

Roster of the Nation's Dead who sleep in our beautiful Cemetery

Below are the "names of the Patriot Dead who 'Sleep the Sleep that knows no waking in and near South Park Cemetery. These are honored names and may the loyal people of Decatur County hold them in grateful remembrance." This was taken from the **May 8, 1886** Greensburg Review and submitted by **Russell Wilhoit**.

Armington, A.
Deem, William H.
LeMasters, L.
Redington, Henry
Alexander, Ed
Edwards, John
Loyd, John
Richardson, Martin
Armington, Alph
Elder, James
Lowe, John
Ricketts, Frank
Alexander, James
Elder, Henry
Lee, Samuel
Ryland, William T.
Alden, J. C.
Falconbury, N. W.
Leisore, George D.
Reed, Reason
Berry, Elisha
Filer, William
Lathrop, Sid D.
Rhiver, John H.

Baker, Richard
Fowler, William C.
Lynn, L. U. C.
Ricketts, E. T.
Bigger, Samuel
French, Louis
Littell, Col. J. E.
Ruckle, L. D.
Bryan, Taylor
Fiscus, Nathaniel
McManaman, Felix
Sisco, Calvin
Blair, Edward
Green, Charles
Murray, John
Sanks, George W.
Bruner, John
Grier, N. B.
McLane, William M.
Snooks, William
Bailey, _____
Goodard, T. J.
McKim, William M.
Stevens, John F.

Bryan, Milton
Gavin, Col. James
McKinney, William
Springer, John
Bridges, Benjamin J.
Grover, Col. I. G.
Morgan, James
Springer, James
Bridges, James, S.
Gray, William
Morgan, Henry C.
Shirk, Isaac N.
Barkley, S.
Goddard, John
Myers, John
Suttles, Andrew J.
Christian, Robert
Guthrie, Phillip
Monfort, David G.
Smawley, Reuben
Conner, Gregg
Hogg, Martin
Mowrey, Jnd. W.
Self, Whitney

Corbet, Alfred
Higgs, Samuel
Mullenix, Pres.
Scofield, Abraham
Craycraft, Richard
House, Oscar F.
McCune, George
Smith, Emanuel
Crisoe, William
Hughes, Thomas
Mullen, Thomas
Stoggdill, F. M.
Cure, James
Holby, James
Nesbitt, Hugh
Terrill, John
Craig, William R.
Howard, John
Phares, Isaac T.
Tackett, Frank W.
Cook, Jabez M.
Henry, Peter
Pilling, George
Talbur, H. H.

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Hann, John Patton,
Scott White,
Martin Cook, Dr.
Hazen, Samuel
Roland, George W.
Weston, Levi
Childers, Simon
Hooten, Thomas
Roerty, Capt. J. H.
Whitlow, John
Chance, James S.
Hudson, Charles
Roerty, Samuel

Wheeldon, John
Coy, George
Hay, Martin
Rozzell, John
Wilson, Chilon
Coy, Daniel
Hamey, Bart
Ricketts, Jonathan
Wier, John
Deem, Harvey
Hogan, Charles
Rhiver, George R.
Wilson, William
Weston, Hugh

**SOCIETY APPROACHING
MIDDLE AGE THIS YEAR?**

The Historical Society of Decatur County Inc is 40 years old this year. The History Club of Sandcreek High School did the ground work. In 1959 a small group met at the Greensburg home of William L. and Betty Woodfill (630 E. Main St.) to form the present society. The first meeting was held in city hall in March 1959. **Paul H. Huber** was elected the first president. Other officers were:

Mrs. E. A. Porter, Westport, vice president
Betty Woodfill, secretary
J. Elwin Gibson, Burney School teacher, treasurer

The first issue of **The Bulletin** was May 26, 1959

Link's Cigar Store, (East side sq)

Where good friends get together

If all the hot dogs served at Link's in the past 34 years were laid end-to-end — well, that would be one long line. (June 8, 1959)

1836

**The county commissioners will pay
\$2 for every wolf head you bring in!**

**Hellmich's A & W Drive-In
Our Daily Menu:**

Hot dogs...15 Hamburger...30
Tenderloin...35 French Fries...25
Burger Basket...60
A & W Root Beer...5 - 10



Deadline

March 5, 1999-----
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welcome your
contributions

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The next meeting

Due to the grant received by the society, the next meeting will be **Sept. 16, 1999** at 7 p.m. in the library. At this meeting we will be given information about the project and learn details for plans to catalogue the 300 pieces of textiles currently in our museum, and other information. We are fortunate to have some outstanding examples of fashion, floor coverings, bed linens and coverings, and other textiles that have been used in the homes of our forefathers. At this meeting, some of our textiles will be on display which will be open to the public.

Spring Tour

The spring Society's bus tour to the 40 million and still-to-be-completed restoration of the West Baden Springs Hotel and formal gardens in May was a tremendous success. A buffet lunch was enjoyed in the cherry-paneled library of Beechwood, a white-pillared mansion, which was the former 1920s home of Edward Ballard who owned the hotel and six circuses. He entertained hotel guests in the huge tiled atrium of the hotel which was related by our "Valley" school teacher guide.

Joe and Anne Westhafer planned the picture-perfect memorable Hoosier spring day for 34 society members and their friends. Joe is the Society's program chairman and very obviously is the right man for the job.

by **Diana Springmier**

Welcome new members:

Joann Burkhart

Donations:

Mr and Mrs Paul Pank

Kappa, Kappa, Kappa, Inc. Omega Chapter

John and Lois Hull

HELP ! As of June 10, 1999 there are nearly 85 families or individuals who **have not** paid their dues. If our records show that you have not paid, there will be a **red mark** by your name on this Bulletin. If you **have** paid and have a red mark, please send info to **Box 163, Greensburg**. Mistakes are possible. If your dues **have not** been received, or a note has not been received from you, your name will be removed and The Bulletin will not be sent. But you will be missed **way big!**

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NOTICE

On **Sunday, Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.** a rededication will be held at the **Camp Atterbury Veterans' Memorial** on Hospital Rd. at Camp Atterbury. The ceremony will honor military personnel who have served at the camp since it opened in 1942 and civilians who have been connected in any way with operations at the camp.

The new C.A. Museum, located behind the memorial plot, will be dedicated with a ribbon cutting to follow. At 11 a.m. the Indianapolis Italian Heritage Soc. will hold a Mass at the restored P.O.W. "Chapel in the Meadow" with a picnic and tours to follow. The public is invited to all events. Take # 31 North from Columbus to the Camp Atterbury sign. Turn left and continue on that road to the fork at the top of the hill. Take the left fork which will lead you to the memorial.



MUSEUM NEWS

by Diana Springmier

This spring the museum's volunteers have been busy sharing its history with 223 Greensburg Community and St. Mary's 4th grade students and their teachers, and the First Baptist Church kindergarten. A special exhibit of baskets, many woven by Decatur Co. natives, was on display for 74 week-end visitors as well as for the school children. Their enthusiasm and questions indicated that these 10 and 11 year-olds wanted to know how their great-grandparents lived when the huge barn basket was filled with eared corn and carried to feed the horses. One child's visit resulted in bringing his family to the Memorial Day week-end exhibit.

This special exhibit could not have been available without the continued tracking down, setting up, marking and returning to those in the county who so willingly loaned their baskets by our hard-working and planning display committee of **Ginny Garvey** and **Ruth Cash** who also added their own collections to the exhibit.

On the heels of the removal of the basket display, **Russell Wilhoit** with wife **Nancy's** help in tidying up the museum, presented a Memorial Exhibit, highlighted by two special programs by **J.R. Owens II**. Civil War re-enactor, sharing his muskets and supplies in his knapsack on the front lawn. Donated personal belongings of Decatur Co. men and women in the armed services were on display in the museum.

The Columbus Republic carried a front page story and picture of Russell viewing **Kathryn Ernestes Bailey's** W.W. II scrapbook with a clay bust in the foreground that carried a story of local interest, especially to those closely associated with its subject, Decatur Co. Historical Society Corresponding Secretary, Kathryn, an administrative nurse who oversaw a 500 bed tent hospital in Normandy, France. One of her patients, a French artist, appreciative of her care, sculpted a Normandy clay bust of Kathryn while he was recuperating.

Spring bus tour to West Baden (see front page)

Recent donations to the museum's textile collection have arrived from the family of **Rod Bailey** with the addition of a 1866 handmade coat and bonnet belonging to **Julia Bright**, his great-grandmother. **Joanna Stuhrenberg Stuart** donated clothing from **Leni Perry Edkins and Chester York Edkins** married in the late 1800s. This included children's clothes and shoes and Leni's wedding dress. **Amanda Guthrie Mitchell** has donated her 1947 wedding dress for a future bridal display.

The Society will host the annual Fourth of July lemonade-on-the-lawn open house at the museum.

The \$2,000 Indiana Heritage Research Grant from the Indiana Historical Society (see pg. 6), the Indiana Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be matched by in-kind cost share and by donations. **Alice Rust**, former director of the library, will be the Primary Researcher with the director and the quilting and textile manager of the Wayne Co. Historical Society in Richmond as consultants.

This year's work will be from May 1999 to May 2000 with the first of two programs to be held Sept. 16, 1999 at 7 p.m. in the library. This is open to the public and will explain the project and detail the cataloging and state of the museum's textiles, some of which will be on display at this time.

Below are the names of charter members of the Historical Society of Decatur County. The charter membership was open until the bicentennial in June 1959.

Gladys Aldrich	Florine Eckel	Willamette P Lemon	Mrs Richard W
Jane Alley	Clifford O Elder	Lorette Longan	Robbins
Jennie Altizer	Mamie Emly	Adaline Loper	Raymond Rolfes
Don Austin	Oscar R Ewing	Mrs C E Loucks	Ethel Yale Ross
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Dr I B Downs	Charles Kuhn	Harriet Reniger	Robert M Woodfill
Myron Donnell	Ethel B Lanham	Paul Risinger	Margaret R Wyant
Ralph R. Donnell	Grace Lasley	Linda Ritter	Claude Wyant
Mrs Ralph R. Donnell	Leonella Lauderdale	Beatrice M Ritter	Wayne Zeigler

Author and friend to three presidents once worked here

Calvin D. Davis, Professor Emeritus Department of History at Duke University, sent an excerpt from the book **Presidents Who Have Known Me** written by former Greensburg resident and lawyer **George E. Allen**. The book was published by Simon & Schuster in 1950. Davis wrote: "I have just noted in (the book) a few paragraphs in which he tells of youthful experiences in Greensburg. He does not give dates for these experiences but it is apparent that they refer to the 1920s. His references to the law firm of Davidson and Craig are brief but could be useful in investigating Greensburg's legal history.

"Allen was a Mississippi-born lawyer and politician who had considerable power in the Democratic party. He was a good friend of Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. For a time he helped write speeches for Truman."

At the end of this humorous excerpt will be what I have been able to find out about Allen so far.

(Chapter 4) The One Not Present

What helped me make up my mind to leave Okolona (Mississippi) was a courtroom incident that had cruelly stabbed my professional pride. I happened to be in court during the arraignment of a young colored man accused of housebreaking. The judge had explained to him that he was entitled to the services of a defense attorney - that the attorneys available to him were Bob Cook, George Bean or George Allen, we being the only three young trial lawyers in town. The judge had asked the three of us to stand up. Bean and I did so, but Cook wasn't in the courtroom and a bailiff so informed the judge.

"Well, here are Mr. Allen and Mr. Bean," the judge informed the defendant. "You may choose one of these of the one not present."

"Judge, I believe I'll take the one not present," said the defendant.

It was fortunate, therefore, that at about this time I received a wire from an old college friend named Bruce, informing me that he had opened a law office in **Greensburg, Indiana**, that he was doing splendidly and needed a partner. Since my law practice wasn't much and Greensburg had the virtue of being a faraway place, I decided to be Bruce's partner sight unseen. Okolona, I said to myself, had known me as a fuzzy-cheeked youth and would have a hard time getting used to the idea that I was now twenty-two and a barrister of great acumen.

It got back to me at about this time that an older member of the Okolona bar was saying that young George Allen gave promise of abolishing lynching in our county. "Get George to defend him," this smart aleck had explained, "and we can hang anybody we want to - legally." I decided to go to a newer, cleaner, friendlier land, out where the Western frontier was closer and opportunity bigger.

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The Society seeks to attract members and donations to carry on its work. The Society seeks to procure items that preserve the past in Decatur County and to create interest in the history of the county, state, and country. We believe that this project will accomplish those goals. We have about three hundred artifacts in the textile collection. Included are Craig coverlets made in Decatur County; blankets woven in the county, quilts handmade by local residents; table linens, crocheted and embroidered cloths and doilies; and clothes. The clothes include wedding dresses, day dresses, hats, bonnets, and accessories, including underclothing; uniforms from various wars, baseball uniforms, and more. The dresses cover a wide time period. However, none of this collection has been properly dated, nor do we have comprehensive data donors, former owners, style, fabric, etc. We will draw together all available information about these items and detail it using Past Perfect Museum Software that has been recommended by the Association of Indiana Museums. Working with a historian/consultant who is a museum curator will help us date items and adequately describe them according to museum standards. The Past Perfect software is also in use at the WCHM.

The Society presents programs at its meetings and exhibits for the general public. A program on textiles and a description of this project will be of interest to Society members and the public and will be held in September 1999. The grant would enable us to provide an adequately identified, classified, and described exhibit of our textile collection in April 2000.

One of the more important outcomes of receiving this grant will be the provision of a methodology for identifying, classifying, and cataloguing the remainder of the collection. The project will involve many people, thereby spreading the word about the museum and the activities of the Society. Past exhibits at the museum and programs by the Society have been successful. We anticipate good attendance at the program and exhibit and expect to attract additional members and donors.

Items Needed by Society

The items below are being sought as donations for the textile project. To make a donation please contact Jennifer at 663-2832.

Computer discs.....	20
Copying and printing.....	100
Labels, acid-free tissue.....	40
Printing and Postage	
Postage.....	60
Newsletter.....	150

Victorian Gala

On Nov. 12 and 13, 1999, The Give-un-Take Garden Club members invite you to go back in time – a time when you needed a match to light your gas stove and when candles were really used for light. This will be the Gala Victorian Candlelight Holly Day Flower Show and Sale at the Historical Society Museum with the gala opening at 5 p.m. Nov. 12, followed by a Victorian supper at the Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m. Guests will be greeted by carolers at 5 p.m. and later with holiday music in the south parlor. Light refreshments will be served. Victorian dress is optional.

The entire collection of holiday decorations and Christmas tree ornaments, from the entry, parlors, dining room, even the kitchen will be for sale at Friday's Gala and on Saturday. These specially designed Victorian keepsakes will include nosegays, winter bouquets, topiaries, wreaths, hurricane center pieces, fans of feathers, mistletoe, epergnes, tussy mussy, candles, purple for Advent and red for Christmas, gold gilt and glitter, holly evergreens, canes of candy and canes...and that's only a start.

All proceeds from the event will go to maintain the Decatur County Library perennial garden.

The sale at the museum will continue Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with carolers at 11 a.m. and music at 1 p.m. Advance reservations go on sale Oct. 10 for the Gala Candlelight opening.

GUESS WHO

We are lucky to have a **member** who writes puns, limericks, verse and history accompanied by a great sense of humor. (See 1 & 2 below) Future Bulletins will print some of this member's work. Can you **guess who it is**? No fair if you've seen his book titled "**Verse ur Wurse**" If you can't guess, I'll tell eventually. maybe!

- 1) I gave up cholesterol, smoking and salt – So if anything happens, it's not my fault!
- 2) Moderation does good – At least so it seems. We think that it could – If not done to extremes.

Feb. 16, 1950: President Truman said today that Sen. McCarthy did not speak the truth when he said there are 57 card-carrying Communists in the State Department.



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The next meeting

Due to the grant received by the society, the next meeting will be **Sept. 16, 1999 at 7 p.m.** in the library. At this meeting we will be given information about the project and learn details for plans to catalogue the 300 pieces of textiles currently in our museum, and other information. We are fortunate to have some outstanding examples of fashion, floor coverings, bed linens and coverings, and other textiles that have been used in the homes of our forefathers. At this meeting, some of our textiles will be on display which will be open to the public.

Spring Tour

The spring Society's bus tour to the 40 million and still-to-be-completed restoration of the West Baden Springs Hotel and formal gardens in May was a tremendous success. A buffet lunch was enjoyed in the cherry-paneled library of Beechwood, a white-pillared mansion, which was the former 1920s home of Edward Ballard who owned the hotel and six circuses. He entertained hotel guests in the huge tiled atrium of the hotel which was related by our "Valley" school teacher guide.

Joe and Anne Westhafer planned the picture-perfect memorable Hoosier spring day for 34 society members and their friends. Joe is the Society's program chairman and very obviously is the right man for the job.

by **Diana Springmier**

Welcome new members:

Joann Burkhart

Donations:

Mr and Mrs Paul Pank

Kappa, Kappa, Kappa, Inc. Omega Chapter

John and Lois Hull

HELP ! As of June 10, 1999 there are nearly 85 families or individuals who **have not** paid their dues. If our records show that you have not paid, there will be a **red mark** by your name on this Bulletin. If you **have** paid and have a red mark, please send info to **Box 163, Greensburg**. Mistakes are possible. If your dues **have not** been received, or a note has not been received from you, your name will be removed and The Bulletin will not be sent. But you will be missed **way big!**

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NOTICE

On **Sunday, Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.** a rededication will be held at the **Camp Atterbury Veterans' Memorial** on Hospital Rd. at Camp Atterbury. The ceremony will honor military personnel who have served at the camp since it opened in 1942 and civilians who have been connected in any way with operations at the camp.

The new C.A. Museum, located behind the memorial plot, will be dedicated with a ribbon cutting to follow. At 11 a.m. the Indianapolis Italian Heritage Soc. will hold a Mass at the restored P.O.W. "Chapel in the Meadow" with a picnic and tours to follow. The public is invited to all events. Take # 31 North from Columbus to the Camp Atterbury sign. Turn left and continue on that road to the fork at the top of the hill. Take the left fork which will lead you to the memorial.



by Diana Springmier

This spring the museum's volunteers have been busy sharing its history with 223 Greensburg Community and St. Mary's 4th grade students and their teachers, and the First Baptist Church kindergarten. A special exhibit of baskets, many woven by Decatur Co. natives, was on display for 74 week-end visitors as well as for the school children. Their enthusiasm and questions indicated that these 10 and 11 year-olds wanted to know how their great-grandparents lived when the huge barn basket was filled with eared corn and carried to feed the horses. One child's visit resulted in bringing his family to the Memorial Day week-end exhibit.

This special exhibit could not have been available without the continued tracking down, setting up, marking and returning to those in the county who so willingly loaned their baskets by our hard-working and planning display committee of **Ginny Garvey** and **Ruth Cash** who also added their own collections to the exhibit.

On the heels of the removal of the basket display, **Russell Wilhoit** with wife **Nancy's** help in tidying up the museum, presented a Memorial Exhibit, highlighted by two special programs by **J.R. Owens II**. Civil War re-enactor, sharing his muskets and supplies in his knapsack on the front lawn. Donated personal belongings of Decatur Co. men and women in the armed services were on display in the museum.

The Columbus Republic carried a front page story and picture of Russell viewing **Kathryn Ernstes Bailey's** W.W. II scrapbook with a clay bust in the foreground that carried a story of local interest, especially to those closely associated with its subject, Decatur Co. Historical Society Corresponding Secretary, Kathryn, an administrative nurse who oversaw a 500 bed tent hospital in Normandy, France. One of her patients, a French artist, appreciative of her care, sculpted a Normandy clay bust of Kathryn while he was recuperating.

Spring bus tour to West Baden (see front page)

Recent donations to the museum's textile collection have arrived from the family of **Rod Bailey** with the addition of a 1866 handmade coat and bonnet belonging to **Julia Bright**, his great-grandmother. **Joanna Stuhrenberg Stuart** donated clothing from **Leni Perry Edkins and Chester York Edkins** married in the late 1800s. This included children's clothes and shoes and Leni's wedding dress. **Amanda Guthrie Mitchell** has donated her 1947 wedding dress for a future bridal display.

The Society will host the annual Fourth of July lemonade-on-the-lawn open house at the museum.

The \$2,000 Indiana Heritage Research Grant from the Indiana Historical Society (see pg. 6), the Indiana Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be matched by in-kind cost share and by donations. **Alice Rust**, former director of the library, will be the Primary Researcher with the director and the quilting and textile manager of the Wayne Co. Historical Society in Richmond as consultants.

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Below are the names of charter members of the Historical Society of Decatur County. The charter membership was open until the bicentennial in June 1959.

Gladys Aldrich	Florine Eckel	Willamette P Lemon	Mrs Richard W
Jane Alley	Clifford O Elder	Lorette Longan	Robbins
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Author and friend to three presidents once worked here

Calvin D. Davis, Professor Emeritus Department of History at Duke University, sent an excerpt from the book **Presidents Who Have Known Me** written by former Greensburg resident and lawyer **George E. Allen**. The book was published by Simon & Schuster in 1950. Davis wrote: "I have just noted in (the book) a few paragraphs in which he tells of youthful experiences in Greensburg. He does not give dates for these experiences but it is apparent that they refer to the 1920s. His references to the law firm of Davidson and Craig are brief but could be useful in investigating Greensburg's legal history.

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(Chapter 4) The One Not Present

What helped me make up my mind to leave Okolona (Mississippi) was a courtroom incident that had cruelly stabbed my professional pride. I happened to be in court during the arraignment of a young colored man accused of housebreaking. The judge had explained to him that he was entitled to the services of a defense attorney - that the attorneys available to him were Bob Cook, George Bean or George Allen, we being the only three young trial lawyers in town. The judge had asked the three of us to stand up. Bean and I did so, but Cook wasn't in the courtroom and a bailiff so informed the judge.

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The Society seeks to attract members and donations to carry on its work. The Society seeks to procure items that preserve the past in Decatur County and to create interest in the history of the county, state, and country. We believe that this project will accomplish those goals. We have about three hundred artifacts in the textile collection. Included are Craig coverlets made in Decatur County; blankets woven in the county, quilts handmade by local residents; table linens, crocheted and embroidered cloths and doilies; and clothes. The clothes include wedding dresses, day dresses, hats, bonnets, and accessories, including underclothing; uniforms from various wars, baseball uniforms, and more. The dresses cover a wide time period. However, none of this collection has been properly dated, nor do we have comprehensive data donors, former owners, style, fabric, etc. We will draw together all available information about these items and detail it using Past Perfect Museum Software that has been recommended by the Association of Indiana Museums. Working with a historian/consultant who is a museum curator will help us date items and adequately describe them according to museum standards. The Past Perfect software is also in use at the WCHM.

The Society presents programs at its meetings and exhibits for the general public. A program on textiles and a description of this project will be of interest to Society members and the public and will be held in September 1999. The grant would enable us to provide an adequately identified, classified, and described exhibit of our textile collection in April 2000.

One of the more important outcomes of receiving this grant will be the provision of a methodology for identifying, classifying, and cataloguing the remainder of the collection. The project will involve many people, thereby spreading the word about the museum and the activities of the Society. Past exhibits at the museum and programs by the Society have been successful. We anticipate good attendance at the program and exhibit and expect to attract additional members and donors.

Items Needed by Society

The items below are being sought as donations for the textile project. To make a donation please contact Jennifer at 663-2832.

Computer discs.....	20
Copying and printing.....	100
Labels, acid-free tissue.....	40
Printing and Postage	
Postage.....	60
Newsletter.....	150

Victorian Gala

On Nov. 12 and 13, 1999, The Give-un-Take Garden Club members invite you to go back in time – a time when you needed a match to light your gas stove and when candles were really used for light. This will be the Gala Victorian Candlelight Holly Day Flower Show and Sale at the Historical Society Museum with the gala opening at 5 p.m. Nov. 12, followed by a Victorian supper at the Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m. Guests will be greeted by carolers at 5 p.m. and later with holiday music in the south parlor. Light refreshments will be served. Victorian dress is optional.

The entire collection of holiday decorations and Christmas tree ornaments, from the entry, parlors, dining room, even the kitchen will be for sale at Friday's Gala and on Saturday. These specially designed Victorian keepsakes will include nosegays, winter bouquets, topiaries, wreaths, hurricane center pieces, fans of feathers, mistletoe, epergnes, tussy mussy, candles, purple for Advent and red for Christmas, gold gilt and glitter, holly evergreens, canes of candy and canes...and that's only a start.

All proceeds from the event will go to maintain the Decatur County Library perennial garden.

The sale at the museum will continue Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with carolers at 11 a.m. and music at 1 p.m. Advance reservations go on sale Oct. 10 for the Gala Candlelight opening.

GUESS WHO

We are lucky to have a **member** who writes puns, limericks, verse and history accompanied by a great sense of humor. (See 1 & 2 below) Future Bulletins will print some of this member's work. Can you **guess who it is**? No fair if you've seen his book titled "**Verse ur Wurse**" If you can't guess, I'll tell eventually. maybe!

- 1) I gave up cholesterol, smoking and salt – So if anything happens, it's not my fault!
- 2) Moderation does good – At least so it seems. We think that it could – If not done to extremes.

Feb. 16, 1950: President Truman said today that Sen. McCarthy did not speak the truth when he said there are 57 card-carrying Communists in the State Department.



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Life Membership

George Cann

Donations:

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MUSEUM NEWS

by Diana Springmier

The museum has had a busy summer as 357 visitors viewed the summer exhibit, memorabilia and collections of **Ginny Garvey, Ruth Cash and Helen Hamilton**. Patriotic postcards, red, white, and blue quilts, lunchboxes and early 1900s clothing graced tables, draped over chairs and filled every corner.

All ages crossed the threshold this past summer: children from the Decatur County Rainbow Camp and the YMCA Summer Day Camp; the Greensburg High School's 50th class of 1949 reunion, classmates of Society members, **Bud Keith and Stanley Reed**; and 125 railroad touring visitors from the Cincinnati area.

Two groups had summer meetings at the museum. The Greensburg Herb Club members one warm August evening toured the cool downstairs air-conditioned rooms (upstairs was considerably warmer) and then gathered under the birch tree on the front lawn for a light supper of cucumber and ham salad sandwiches and zucchini bars served with mint tea and lemonade. The second club was the Give-Un-Take Garden Club's business meeting and press preview for their upcoming Victorian Gala to be held at the museum. This group of busy ladies and gentlemen are also using the museum each Thursday morning until the affair, holding workshops creating objects of art to sell and filling the upstairs display room with their dried flowers, ribbons and lace.

I want to take time out from enumerating our activities to tell each of you who have donated to the museum this year that your precious family gifts to the museum are much appreciated even though not always visible when you visit. Storage space is scarce, but presently the museum's textile collection, quilts, coverlids, handsewn dresses, and lace-trimmed baby clothes all are being stored, identified, and catalogued as Alice Rust and Jane Keith are lovingly caring for them through the recently received Indiana Heritage Research Grant. They will be on display in some future exhibit. The information about your loved one's treasures will be stored on the museum's newly-acquired computer, a gift from the Indiana State Historical Society.

A comment was overheard from a recent visitor that the museum was "sparkling clean." **Sharon Wickens, Joyce Springmier, and Nancy Wilhoit** share cleaning chores, working behind the scenes so that comment would be forthcoming. Along this same line, four volunteers, **Jane Keith, Ginny Garvey, Nancy Wilhoit** and I spent a day uncovering numerous finds while emptying long neglected closets on the museum's first floor. Handwritten pages detailing Decatur County and coverlids' history, Victorian leather baby shoes, a christening gown, antique Christmas ornaments, and a framed Shirley Temple paper doll collection were among the surprises buried in the dining room closet.

The museum is always a work in progress. Due to the vision of Board Corresponding Secretary **Kathryn Bailey**, who has planned a more logical and convenient use of the two upstairs room and the downstairs backporch, a Decatur County Visitors and Recreation grant was written for and received. The project will be started with \$1,250 and much volunteer labor. All textiles not on display and pictures will be stored in the area that was the upstairs bathroom; the upstairs kitchen will become an office, moving the present kitchen to the backporch which will be a service area. A small powder room will be in the backporch area. Any donations, volunteer or monetary, will help this become a reality in the near future. Speaking of the soon-to-be upstairs office, **Russell Wilhoit**, another behind the scenes and often visible volunteer curator, and his wife Nancy loaded his pickup with file cabinets and bookshelves during a recent trip to the former Indianapolis Historical Society after their move to new headquarters on West Ohio Street. Local historical societies could receive a gift of all the

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office furniture not to be used in the new building, and Russell took advantage of the offer, carrying home as much as his truck would bear. He and his friend **Steve Rodgers** also transported to the museum's side porch, a four piece wrought iron Victorian garden set, a gift from **Reed and Ruth Schuster**, which is perfect for the south side porch.

When you visit, notice the peaceful lithograph on the sitting room wall above the piano titled "Fast Asleep," an August gift from **Mary Humphrey** after her summer move to Morning Breeze, as well as three found-in-the-closet children's pictures hung in the toy room.

The annual Christmas open house is planned for December 12 from 1-4 p.m. **George Morgan** and **Bob Rooker** will again share their talents for the festivity. **Ginny** needs Christmas greenery. Call her at 663-2132. She and Ruth are planning another trip back to Christmases past so stop in any week-end during the holidays.

The 5th Indiana Cavalry and Decatur County

by **Phillip Jackson Jr.**

From May 19 to June 14, 1999 I had a display at the Historical Society Museum which was intended to convey the meaning of Memorial Day. When I read the following issue of the Bulletin it was as if this display was not even there.

For those who have never tried to put a display together like this, it takes a great deal of work. This display required several months in getting pictures, historical facts and the various items that were displayed all organized. Not getting even one word of credit for something like this creates hard feelings and has as a lasting impression the reconsideration of participating in activities like this in the future.

I must say, every visitor who saw my display and with whom I spoke took much interest in the facts I had to present.

Parts of this display included the following historical information:

There were 15 Decatur County officers who commanded a total of 16 regiments during the Civil War. There were 6 brigade commanders who were Decatur County residents. There were 6 Brevet Brigadier Generals who called Decatur County their home during their lives. And, there were also 6 Medal of Honor recipients who were Decatur County residents

Each officer and Medal of Honor recipient was identified by name, rank and regiment. I have never found any other single source where all of this information has been presented in this complete of a form. It took literally several years to gather these facts and identify these people. Researching facts about the lives of Decatur County residents who lived and died that long ago requires travel to various cemeteries, trips to various libraries, courthouses and towns not only in Indiana but also in several other states. I ask you to consider these things.

In particular my display, which was at the Historical Society Museum for nearly one month, focused on the role of Decatur County residents who served in the 5th Indiana Cavalry. Among the Decatur County residents who served in the 5th Indiana Cavalry whom I presented historic facts about were:

Louis J. Bruner, a resident of Clay Township who was a recipient of the Medal of Honor;

John H. Sammons, writer of a history of the 5th Indiana Cavalry which detailed the terrible conditions of Andersonville Prison Camp;

Alfred Austin, a resident of Milford who died and is buried at Andersonville;
and Thomas H. Butler, the Clay Township Farmer who was a Colonel and Brevet Brigadier General and commanded not only the 5th Indiana Cavalry but also a Brigade of Cavalry. My display included the location of the historic Clay Township Farm which General Butler owned.

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One focal point of this display was the book *Sherman's Horsemen* published in 1996. Some valuable facts in this important book, written by Doctor David Evans, Ph.D., are based on Decatur County resident John H. Sammons' history book, of which I displayed two copies, and speeches given by General Butler during reunions of the 5th Indiana Cavalry in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Since putting this display together I am very proud to say that I have met the author of *Sherman's Horsemen*, Doctor David Evans, Ph.D. We met at Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia on June 25, 1999. I found Dr. Evans to be very down to earth and very much interested in learning what I knew about General Butler and Private John Sammons. We have since then corresponded with each other and have exchanged some valuable information.

Among the items I was sent by Dr. Evans was a copy of a photograph of General Thomas H. Butler which, based on the time frame of the material which came with the photograph, was taken about 1906 when General Butler would have been 73 years-old.

I would highly recommend the book *Sherman's Horsemen* written by Doctor David Evans, Ph.D. Anyone who reads this book will find Decatur County residents Thomas H. Butler, John H. Sammons and Louis J. Bruner are featured very prominently.

MUSEUM - GARDEN CLUB GALA NOVEMBER 12 - 13

Legend has it that Queen Victoria issued a decree to all the ladies of the realm to give up hoop embroidery because hoop embroidery made the ladies stoop-shouldered. They were ordered to learn artificial flower making and arranging.

Have you noticed all the straight-shouldered ladies and gentlemen around Decatur County? They are the members of the Give-Un-Take Garden Club making ready for their opening Gala Victorian Candle Light Holly Days at the Decatur County Historical Society Museum on November 12, 1999 at 5 p.m. The opening will be followed by a Victorian supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church. The Victorian Holly Days continue on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum.

The museum's lower rooms will sing of Holly Day trimmings all for sale and crafted by Give-Un-Take's gifted members with proper posture. There will be carolers, musicians, mulled cider, Victorian sweet meat, kissing balls, wreaths, keepsakes for the tree and many other holiday remembrances.

Advance reservations go on sale October 10 and cost \$10 per person for the opening and supper. After October 20, reservations are \$12.50 per person. Reservations close November 6. For reservations call **Ann Westhafer** at 663-3495 or **Eva Westhafer** at 663-5686.

The Holly Days admission at the door of the museum on Saturday is \$2. There is a patrons' table of eight available for the supper for \$125. All proceeds will go toward supporting the club's civic projects including the Perennial Garden at the Decatur County Community Public Library which is a garden club project.

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108 E. Washington, Northside square

(from August 1925 Daily News)

Included below is a list of Decatur County Hoosier Homestead Awards
contributed by **Decatur County Historian Ruth Dorrel.**

Brief History of the Hoosier Homestead Award Program

In 1976, former Lieutenant Governor Robert D. Orr, along with the Indiana Department of Commerce's Division of Agriculture (now the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture), created a statewide program called the Hoosier Homestead Award. This program recognizes farms that have been owned by the same family for one hundred years or more. It stresses the contributions these family farms have made to the economic, cultural and social advancement of Indiana.

To date 3,427 farms have been certified as Hoosier Homesteads. Eight hundred and sixty one families have retained ownership of their farm for over 150 years. The oldest homestead farm belongs to Edward J. Jordan, Wheatland, Indiana. It has been in the family since 1797.

In order to be recognized as a Hoosier Homestead Farm, the farm owner must complete an application provided by the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture (OCA). While completing the application, the following guidelines must be met:

a. The farm property must be a minimum size of 20 acres or produce at least \$1,000 in agricultural products in a fiscal year.

b. Ownership must have been within the same family for at least 100 years and a direct family relationship has to be established between the present owner and the owner of 100 years ago.

c. Documentation of family ownership must be included along with the application. These documents may include an abstract showing conveyance of title, the original deed, tax records or other verification for the transfer of ownership from one relative to the next. Only copies of the documentation should be submitted to the OCA and not the original documents.

All applications for the Hoosier Homestead Award are reviewed by the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Those who qualify for the Hoosier Homestead Award travel to Indianapolis to be recognized at an awards ceremony held in the Statehouse. This ceremony is held bi-annually. Each family will receive a commemorative certificate signed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, who also serves as the Indiana Commissioner of Agriculture. The certificate will carry the name of the farm family, the date of original purchase, the county of residence and the official Seal of the State of Indiana.

Upon certification as a Hoosier Homestead Farm, the award recipients will be eligible to purchase as 24" X 20" yard sign indicating that the farm has remained within the same family for more than one hundred years. Information of historical value on each Hoosier Homestead farm is then deposited with the Indiana State Archives for future reference.

Compiled by Ms. Shrell Sims, Indiana Commission on Public Records, State Archives Division Summer.

First Applicant		Second Applicant		Homestead date	Award Date
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name		
Bailey, Jessie Clark		Bailey, Jessie Clark		1/20/1893	1994
Bailey, Roderick L		Bailey, Roderick L		10/10/1840	1977
Barnett, Elizabeth Power		Barnett, Eliz. Power		12/17/1821	1976
Berkemeier, Richard		Berkmeier, Carolyn		3/9/1888	1988
Brokelmeier, Dorothy		Brokelmeier, Dorothy		1/23/1824	1978
Byard, William K		Byard, William K		1/1/1856	1976
Carroll, John Wilson		Carrol, John Wilson		4/7/1871	1976

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Deiwert, Jessie L	Deiwert, John O.	8/27/1881	1983
Deniston, John Henry	Deniston, John Henry	8/20/1866	1976
Eddelman, Fred G.	Eddelman, R. Gaston	1/1/1891	1990
Emly, Wm. Smith	Emly, Wm. Smith	12/31/1838	1976
Evans, John Milton	Evans, John Milton	10/1/1834	1976
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Fee, Robert H.	Fee, Robet H.	2/26/1846	1976
Fisse, Charles	Fisse, Eileen	12/28/1855	1983
Fry, Ferdinand	Fry, Bernadette	2/12/1840	1983
Galbraith, Andrew J.	Galbraith, Linda J.	5/12/1848	1983
Goddard, Judge John Wm.	Goddard, Mrs. John Wm.	3/15/1850	1985
Gommel, Warren G.	Gommel, Mary F.	2/8/1871	1989
Johannigman, Roman M.	Johannigman, Marjorie L.	11/30/1850	1985
Kincaid, John A.	Kincaid, John A.	11/10/1827	1983
Kincaid, Wm. G.	Kincaid, Charlotte M.	11/10/1827	1991
Kinker, Lillian	Kinker, Lillian	3/28/1892	1994
Kitchen, Frank H.	Kitchen, Norma	10/30/1880	1980
Kramer, Virgil H.	Kramer, Evelyn	2/9/1881	1983
Manlief, Earl F.	Manlief, Goldie C.	9/29/1873	1983
Mattox, Raymond	Mattox, Ruth	10/6/1860	1977
McCoy, Sutherland R.	McCoy, Mary Ruth	3/1/1824	1990
McKee, Gertrude G.	McKee, Gertrude G.	5/24/1841	1985
Miller, Carl H.	Miller, Goldie M.	11/9/1874	1990
Mitchell, Mary Amanda	Mitchell, Mary Amanda	5/13/1833	1976
Ortman, Arthur	Ortman, Arthur	4/15/1871	1993
Osting, Margaret/Patrick	Osting, Margaret/Patrick	1/20/1828	1977
Pavy. Arthur Wayne	Pavy. Arthur Wayne	8/13/1881	1928
Richardson, Ruth Ann	Richardson, Derrel	12/29/1875	1977
Ritter, Edity May/Holmes	Ritter, Edity May/Holmes	9/16/1876	1986
Robbins, George/Franklin	Robbins, George/Franklin	4/10/1884	1984
Robbins, George/Franklin	Robbins, JoAnn	8/24/1861	1983
Robbins, W. Hunter	Robbins, Judith	8/14/1880	1988
Schwering, Henry J.	Schwering, Mary Ann	6/3/1864	1985
Shirk, Linda L.	Shirk, Roland	12/17/1870	1979
Shirk, Stanton S.	Shirk, Stanton S.	5/12/1842	1978
Walker, Charles	Walker, Charles	10/23/1835	1976
Wanstrath, Josephine	Wanstrath, Josephine	10/16/1858	1976

If you don't take care of your body.....(And you only have one body to give)

You'll find it gets pretty shoddy.... .And where else are you going to live?

from "Vurse ur Wurse. Several guesses but no one got the identity of the member who writes the "vurse or wurse" so I'll give you a hint. Columnists of Indianapolis newspapers i.e. Irving Lebowitz, Griff Niblack, Bill Wildhack and Wayne Guthrie have enjoyed and printed this writer's "vurse" in their columns. The member states: "I guess everyone has some facet in their lives of which - ever so slightly - they feel a bit ashamed. I guess this is mine." (another vurse on page7) who is it?

"WHAT A WIFE SALLY IS!"

A husband's approval follows naturally when every detail of the table setting is correct – when the silverware helps his home to make the right impression on his guests. And it is really quite easy to make *your* silverware complete for every occasion. Let us show you those important niceties of the table – the salad fork, the bouillon spoon and the ice cream fork. They add to the smoothness and pleasure of every meal.

C.H. Thomson, Jeweler and Optician, Greensburg, Ind. (August 1925)

Prices in 1840

(taken from **John Cann's** Record Book)

Spool Thread 12 1/2 c ea.

Sheeting 18 c yd.

Coffin \$1.50 - \$5.00

Lard 3/4 c lb.

Calico 12 1/2 c yd.

Prices in 1899

(Taken from **Sam Cann's** Store Journal)

Thread 4c - 5 c

Blankets (double) \$1.25 - \$3.00

Muslin 6 c yd.

Overalls 50 c

Butter 13 c lb.

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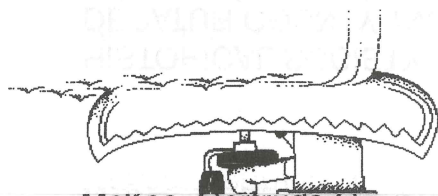
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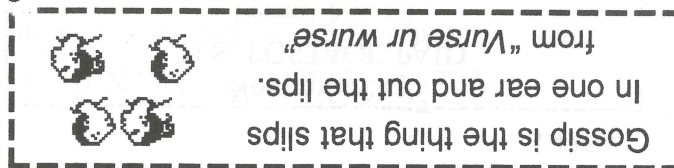
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NEXT PROGRAM: The annual Christmas open house December 12 from 1-4 p.m. **George Morgan** and **Bob Rooker** will provide special music for the event. **Ginny Garvey** and **Ruth Cash** are planning another trip back to Christmases past so stop in any week-end during the holidays. (see museum news)

The **September 16** program held the attention of everyone who attended. **Diana Springmier**, **Jane Keith** and **Alice Rust** contributed their special areas of expertise for the program about textiles in general and particularly those in our museum.

Jennifer McNealy talked about the volunteer program at the museum and the new volunteer manuals that make the volunteer's duties much easier.

Jane Keith explained the process of caring for textiles from the time they are donated to displaying them and storing them. She told of the problems associated with cleaning and identifying them and said all of the quilts in the museum are now catalogued.

Alice Rust explained the process of cataloging each object and showed printed computer pages that will record all the information available about each item. This will include the name of the donor, the name of the object, the material, where it is stored, a detailed description including the size, condition. The maintenance cycle will also be included. This will record the care needed to preserve the item, when it needs to be done and when it was done. A quilt, for example, should be refolded and a garment should be vacuumed at certain times during the year.

Diana Springmier gave a history of the Craig Coverlets (coverlids). **James Craig**, son of **William Craig**, the original weaver of the coverlets, is her ancestor. Diana explained the information that is found on each coverlet made by the Craig family.

Welcome new members:

Joyce Springmier
Loyd and Martha Morgan

Life Membership

George Cann

Donations:

Amanda Mitchell
Elbert R. Spillman
Morgan and Nanci Miers
Helen McCord
Sara Z. Moulton
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The following people made donations to the society in memory of JoAnn Robbins:

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Please let me know if you know of; a member not receiving The Bulletin, a new member who has not been listed on this page, anyone who has given a donation or memorial or become a life member in the past six months, but not listed on this page. Especially let us know of CHANGES OF ADDRESS. We do our best but sometimes fail. Thanks, Pat Smith, 122 W. Sheridan / 663-3418.

MUSEUM NEWS

by Diana Springmier

The museum has had a busy summer as 357 visitors viewed the summer exhibit, memorabilia and collections of **Ginny Garvey**, **Ruth Cash** and **Helen Hamilton**. Patriotic postcards, red, white, and blue quilts, lunchboxes and early 1900s clothing graced tables, draped over chairs and filled every corner.

All ages crossed the threshold this past summer: children from the Decatur County Rainbow Camp and the YMCA Summer Day Camp; the Greensburg High School's 50th class of 1949 reunion, classmates of Society members, **Bud Keith** and **Stanley Reed**; and 125 railroad touring visitors from the Cincinnati area.

Two groups had summer meetings at the museum. The Greensburg Herb Club members one warm August evening toured the cool downstairs air-conditioned rooms (upstairs was considerably warmer) and then gathered under the birch tree on the front lawn for a light supper of cucumber and ham salad sandwiches and zucchini bars served with mint tea and lemonade. The second club was the Give-Un-Take Garden Club's business meeting and press preview for their upcoming Victorian Gala to be held at the museum. This group of busy ladies and gentlemen are also using the museum each Thursday morning until the affair, holding workshops creating objects of art to sell and filling the upstairs display room with their dried flowers, ribbons and lace.

I want to take time out from enumerating our activities to tell each of you who have donated to the museum this year that your precious family gifts to the museum are much appreciated even though not always visible when you visit. Storage space is scarce, but presently the museum's textile collection, quilts, coverlids, handsewn dresses, and lace-trimmed baby clothes all are being stored, identified, and catalogued as Alice Rust and Jane Keith are lovingly caring for them through the recently received Indiana Heritage Research Grant. They will be on display in some future exhibit. The information about your loved one's treasures will be stored on the museum's newly-acquired computer, a gift from the Indiana State Historical Society.

A comment was overheard from a recent visitor that the museum was "sparkling clean." **Sharon Wickens**, **Joyce Springmier**, and **Nancy Wilhoit** share cleaning chores, working behind the scenes so that comment would be forthcoming. Along this same line, four volunteers, **Jane Keith**, **Ginny Garvey**, **Nancy Wilhoit** and I spent a day uncovering numerous finds while emptying long neglected closets on the museum's first floor. Handwritten pages detailing Decatur County and coverlids' history, Victorian leather baby shoes, a christening gown, antique Christmas ornaments, and a framed Shirley Temple paper doll collection were among the surprises buried in the dining room closet.

The museum is always a work in progress. Due to the vision of Board Corresponding Secretary **Kathryn Bailey**, who has planned a more logical and convenient use of the two upstairs room and the downstairs backporch, a Decatur County Visitors and Recreation grant was written for and received. The project will be started with \$1,250 and much volunteer labor. All textiles not on display and pictures will be stored in the area that was the upstairs bathroom; the upstairs kitchen will become an office, moving the present kitchen to the backporch which will be a service area. A small powder room will be in the backporch area. Any donations, volunteer or monetary, will help this become a reality in the near future. Speaking of the soon-to-be upstairs office, **Russell Wilhoit**, another behind the scenes and often visible volunteer curator, and his wife Nancy loaded his pickup with file cabinets and bookshelves during a recent trip to the former Indianapolis Historical Society after their move to new headquarters on West Ohio Street. Local historical societies could receive a gift of all the

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office furniture not to be used in the new building, and Russell took advantage of the offer, carrying home as much as his truck would bear. He and his friend **Steve Rodgers** also transported to the museum's side porch, a four piece wrought iron Victorian garden set, a gift from **Reed and Ruth Schuster**, which is perfect for the south side porch.

When you visit, notice the peaceful lithograph on the sitting room wall above the piano titled "Fast Asleep," an August gift from **Mary Humphrey** after her summer move to Morning Breeze, as well as three found-in-the-closet children's pictures hung in the toy room.

The annual Christmas open house is planned for December 12 from 1-4 p.m. **George Morgan** and **Bob Rooker** will again share their talents for the festivity. **Ginny** needs Christmas greenery. Call her at 663-2132. She and Ruth are planning another trip back to Christmases past so stop in any week-end during the holidays.

The 5th Indiana Cavalry and Decatur County

by **Phillip Jackson Jr.**

From May 19 to June 14, 1999 I had a display at the Historical Society Museum which was intended to convey the meaning of Memorial Day. When I read the following issue of the Bulletin it was as if this display was not even there.

For those who have never tried to put a display together like this, it takes a great deal of work. This display required several months in getting pictures, historical facts and the various items that were displayed all organized. Not getting even one word of credit for something like this creates hard feelings and has as a lasting impression the reconsideration of participating in activities like this in the future.

I must say, every visitor who saw my display and with whom I spoke took much interest in the facts I had to present.

Parts of this display included the following historical information:

There were 15 Decatur County officers who commanded a total of 16 regiments during the Civil War. There were 6 brigade commanders who were Decatur County residents. There were 6 Brevet Brigadier Generals who called Decatur County their home during their lives. And, there were also 6 Medal of Honor recipients who were Decatur County residents

Each officer and Medal of Honor recipient was identified by name, rank and regiment. I have never found any other single source where all of this information has been presented in this complete of a form. It took literally several years to gather these facts and identify these people. Researching facts about the lives of Decatur County residents who lived and died that long ago requires travel to various cemeteries, trips to various libraries, courthouses and towns not only in Indiana but also in several other states. I ask you to consider these things.

In particular my display, which was at the Historical Society Museum for nearly one month, focused on the role of Decatur County residents who served in the 5th Indiana Cavalry. Among the Decatur County residents who served in the 5th Indiana Cavalry whom I presented historic facts about were:

Louis J. Bruner, a resident of Clay Township who was a recipient of the Medal of Honor;

John H. Sammons, writer of a history of the 5th Indiana Cavalry which detailed the terrible conditions of Andersonville Prison Camp;

Alfred Austin, a resident of Milford who died and is buried at Andersonville;
and Thomas H. Butler, the Clay Township Farmer who was a Colonel and Brevet Brigadier General and commanded not only the 5th Indiana Cavalry but also a Brigade of Cavalry. My display included the location of the historic Clay Township Farm which General Butler owned.

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One focal point of this display was the book *Sherman's Horsemen* published in 1996. Some valuable facts in this important book, written by Doctor David Evans, Ph.D., are based on Decatur County resident John H. Sammons' history book, of which I displayed two copies, and speeches given by General Butler during reunions of the 5th Indiana Cavalry in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Since putting this display together I am very proud to say that I have met the author of *Sherman's Horsemen*, Doctor David Evans, Ph.D. We met at Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia on June 25, 1999. I found Dr. Evans to be very down to earth and very much interested in learning what I knew about General Butler and Private John Sammons. We have since then corresponded with each other and have exchanged some valuable information.

Among the items I was sent by Dr. Evans was a copy of a photograph of General Thomas H. Butler which, based on the time frame of the material which came with the photograph, was taken about 1906 when General Butler would have been 73 years-old.

I would highly recommend the book *Sherman's Horsemen* written by Doctor David Evans, Ph.D. Anyone who reads this book will find Decatur County residents Thomas H. Butler, John H. Sammons and Louis J. Bruner are featured very prominently.

MUSEUM - GARDEN CLUB GALA NOVEMBER 12 - 13

Legend has it that Queen Victoria issued a decree to all the ladies of the realm to give up hoop embroidery because hoop embroidery made the ladies stoop-shouldered. They were ordered to learn artificial flower making and arranging.

Have you noticed all the straight-shouldered ladies and gentlemen around Decatur County? They are the members of the Give-Un-Take Garden Club making ready for their opening Gala Victorian Candle Light Holly Days at the Decatur County Historical Society Museum on November 12, 1999 at 5 p.m. The opening will be followed by a Victorian supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church. The Victorian Holly Days continue on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum.

The museum's lower rooms will sing of Holly Day trimmings all for sale and crafted by Give-Un-Take's gifted members with proper posture. There will be carolers, musicians, mulled cider, Victorian sweet meat, kissing balls, wreaths, keepsakes for the tree and many other holiday remembrances.

Advance reservations go on sale October 10 and cost \$10 per person for the opening and supper. After October 20, reservations are \$12.50 per person. Reservations close November 6. For reservations call **Ann Westhafer** at 663-3495 or **Eva Westhafer** at 663-5686.

The Holly Days admission at the door of the museum on Saturday is \$2. There is a patrons' table of eight available for the supper for \$125. All proceeds will go toward supporting the club's civic projects including the Perennial Garden at the Decatur County Community Public Library which is a garden club project.

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(from August 1925 Daily News)

Included below is a list of Decatur County Hoosier Homestead Awards
contributed by **Decatur County Historian Ruth Dorrel.**

Brief History of the Hoosier Homestead Award Program

In 1976, former Lieutenant Governor Robert D. Orr, along with the Indiana Department of Commerce's Division of Agriculture (now the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture), created a statewide program called the Hoosier Homestead Award. This program recognizes farms that have been owned by the same family for one hundred years or more. It stresses the contributions these family farms have made to the economic, cultural and social advancement of Indiana.

To date 3,427 farms have been certified as Hoosier Homesteads. Eight hundred and sixty one families have retained ownership of their farm for over 150 years. The oldest homestead farm belongs to Edward J. Jordan, Wheatland, Indiana. It has been in the family since 1797.

In order to be recognized as a Hoosier Homestead Farm, the farm owner must complete an application provided by the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture (OCA). While completing the application, the following guidelines must be met:

a. The farm property must be a minimum size of 20 acres or produce at least \$1,000 in agricultural products in a fiscal year.

b. Ownership must have been within the same family for at least 100 years and a direct family relationship has to be established between the present owner and the owner of 100 years ago.

c. Documentation of family ownership must be included along with the application. These documents may include an abstract showing conveyance of title, the original deed, tax records or other verification for the transfer of ownership from one relative to the next. Only copies of the documentation should be submitted to the OCA and not the original documents.

All applications for the Hoosier Homestead Award are reviewed by the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Those who qualify for the Hoosier Homestead Award travel to Indianapolis to be recognized at an awards ceremony held in the Statehouse. This ceremony is held bi-annually. Each family will receive a commemorative certificate signed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, who also serves as the Indiana Commissioner of Agriculture. The certificate will carry the name of the farm family, the date of original purchase, the county of residence and the official Seal of the State of Indiana.

Upon certification as a Hoosier Homestead Farm, the award recipients will be eligible to purchase as 24" X 20" yard sign indicating that the farm has remained within the same family for more than one hundred years. Information of historical value on each Hoosier Homestead farm is then deposited with the Indiana State Archives for future reference.

Compiled by Ms. Shrell Sims, Indiana Commission on Public Records, State Archives Division Summer.

First Applicant		Second Applicant		Homestead	Award
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>Date</i>
Bailey, Jessie	Clark	Bailey, Jessie	Clark	1/20/1893	1994
Bailey, Roderick	L	Bailey, Roderick	L	10/10/1840	1977
Barnett, Elizabeth	Power	Barnett, Eliz.	Power	12/17/1821	1976
Berkemeier, Richard		Berkmeier, Carolyn		3/9/1888	1988
Brokelmeier, Dorothy		Brokelmeier, Dorothy		1/23/1824	1978
Byard, William	K	Byard, William	K	1/1/1856	1976
Carroll, John	Wilson	Carrol, John	Wilson	4/7/1871	1976

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Deiwert, Jessie L	Deiwert, John O.	8/27/1881	1983
Deniston, John Henry	Deniston, John Henry	8/20/1866	1976
Eddelman, Fred G.	Eddelman, R. Gaston	1/1/1891	1990
Emly, Wm. Smith	Emly, Wm. Smith	12/31/1838	1976
Evans, John Milton	Evans, John Milton	10/1/1834	1976
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Fee, Robert H.	Fee, Robet H.	2/26/1846	1976
Fisse, Charles	Fisse, Eileen	12/28/1855	1983
Fry, Ferdinand	Fry, Bernadette	2/12/1840	1983
Galbraith, Andrew J.	Galbraith, Linda J.	5/12/1848	1983
Goddard, Judge John Wm.	Goddard, Mrs. John Wm.	3/15/1850	1985
Gommel, Warren G.	Gommel, Mary F.	2/8/1871	1989
Johannigman, Roman M.	Johannigman, Marjorie L.	11/30/1850	1985
Kincaid, John A.	Kincaid, John A.	11/10/1827	1983
Kincaid, Wm. G.	Kincaid, Charlotte M.	11/10/1827	1991
Kinker, Lillian	Kinker, Lillian	3/28/1892	1994
Kitchen, Frank H.	Kitchen, Norma	10/30/1880	1980
Kramer, Virgil H.	Kramer, Evelyn	2/9/1881	1983
Manlief, Earl F.	Manlief, Goldie C.	9/29/1873	1983
Mattox, Raymond	Mattox, Ruth	10/6/1860	1977
McCoy, Sutherland R.	McCoy, Mary Ruth	3/1/1824	1990
McKee, Gertrude G.	McKee, Gertrude G.	5/24/1841	1985
Miller, Carl H.	Miller, Goldie M.	11/9/1874	1990
Mitchell, Mary Amanda	Mitchell, Mary Amanda	5/13/1833	1976
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Osting, Margaret/Patrick	Osting, Margaret/Patrick	1/20/1828	1977
Pavy. Arthur Wayne	Pavy. Arthur Wayne	8/13/1881	1928
Richardson, Ruth Ann	Richardson, Derrel	12/29/1875	1977
Ritter, Edity May/Holmes	Ritter, Edity May/Holmes	9/16/1876	1986
Robbins, George/Franklin	Robbins, George/Franklin	4/10/1884	1984
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Robbins, W. Hunter	Robbins, Judith	8/14/1880	1988
Schwering, Henry J.	Schwering, Mary Ann	6/3/1864	1985
Shirk, Linda L.	Shirk, Roland	12/17/1870	1979
Shirk, Stanton S.	Shirk, Stanton S.	5/12/1842	1978
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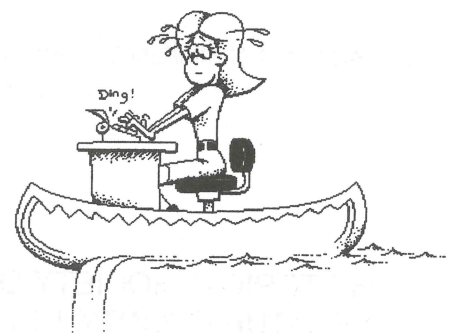
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